

REMARKS

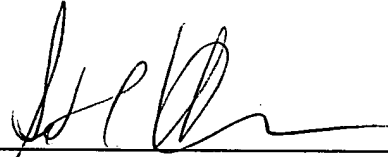
The Office Action dated August 12, 2003 has been received, its contents carefully noted, and the applied citations thoroughly studied.

At the outset, undersigned wishes to gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's perception of patentable subject matter as it pertains to substantially all claims, except claims 10 and 11. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

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